

REMARKS

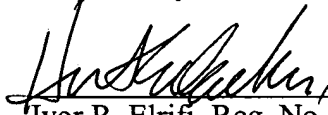
Applicants have amended the "Related Applications" paragraph on page 1 of the instant application to provide the serial number for the nonprovisional application entitled "Aptamer-Toxin Molecules and Methods for Using Same", filed on April 15, 2004.

Additionally, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5), Applicants have added a specific reference to a prior-filed provisional application, U.S. Serial No. 60/523,935, to which the instant nonprovisional application also claims priority. Applicants believe no fees or petition are due in connection with the filing of this benefit claim, as this filing is within four months from the filing of the instant application and within 16 months from the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit, that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and remark, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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